



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: Donald HANDELMAN  
 Application No.: 09/976,243  
 Filed: October 15, 2001  
 For: OPTICAL SWITCHING APPARATUS AND METHODS

Art Unit: 2633  
 Examiner: N. M. Curs  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Atty.'s Docket: HANDELMAN=1A  
 Confirmation No.: 2683

Date: March 20, 2006

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
 Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
 Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.  
 No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
TOTAL	* 17	MINUS	** 20
INDEP.	* 5	MINUS	*** 5
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			
			PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS 0

ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 25	\$	x 50	\$
x 100	\$	x 200	\$
+ 180	\$	+ 360	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		TOTAL	

OR

OR

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.  
 \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time  
 If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

First - \$ 60.00  
 Second - \$ 225.00  
 Third - \$ 510.00  
 Fourth - \$ 795.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

First - \$ 120.00  
 Second - \$ 450.00  
 Third - \$ 1020.00  
 Fourth - \$ 1590.00

Month After Time Period Set

Less fees (\$\_\_\_\_\_) already paid for \_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time on \_\_\_\_\_.

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
 Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached (check no. \_\_\_\_\_.)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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The following remarks are in response to the  
outstanding Official Action mailed January 12, 2006.